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FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BMHD IN RESPONSE TO
OUR INQUIRIES REFTEL PARA 5.

A. WHAT PROCEDURES WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ASSURE ONLY
NARCOTIC DEPENDENT INDIVIDUAL ARE ADMITTED TO PROGRAM?

1. DETAILED HISTORY OF EACH PATIENT IS TAKEN
INCLUDING PERSONAL HISTORY, FAMILY HISTORY, PREVIOUS
AND PRESENT ILLNESS, AND DRUG HISTORY. IF POSSIBLE
INFORMATION WILL BE OBTAINED NOT ONLY FROM THE PATIENT
BUT ALSO FROM THOSE ACCOMPANYING PATIENT (FRIENDS,
SPOUSES, PARENTS, RELATIVES, ETC.).
2. COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION IS PERFORMED
INCLUDING OBSERVATION FOR SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF PHYSICAL
DEPENDENCY OR WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS CAUSED BY OPIATES.
3. IF NECESSARY A NALINE TEST IS PERFORMED, AND
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4. URINALYSIS FOR OPIATES (HEROIN) IS PERFORMED.

B. WHAT PROCEDURES ARE PLANNED TO MINIMIZE PATIENT
OR PROGRAM DEVERSION?

C. WILL PATIENTS BE PERMITTED TO TAKE METHADON

HOME AND IF SO, HOW MANY DOSES?

1. METHADONE IS GIVEN TO PATIENTS IN LIQUID FORM AND THEY MUST DRINK FLUID IN FRONT OF THE NURSE. ONLY ONE DOSE A DAY IS GIVEN; AND PATIENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE METHADONE HOME.

2. METHADONE WILL BE DELIVERED FROM MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE CENTRAL DISPENSARY OF BANGKOK METROPOLIS BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL IN POWDER FORM; IT IS THEN PREPARED IN SOLUTION FORM AT THE CONCENTRATION OF 5 MILLIGRAMS PER CC.

3. EACH CLINIC SENDS ON A WEEKLY BASIS AN AUTHORIZED PERSON (USUALLY A NURSE) TO PICK-UP THE METHADONE SOLUTION AND TAKE IT TO THE CLINIC.

4. THE AMOUNT OF METHADONE RECEIVED EACH TIME AND THE AMOUNT GIVEN TO EACH PATIENT EACH DAY IS ACCURATELY RECORDED. EVERY PATIENT IS REQUIRED TO SIGN AFTER HE OR SHE HAS TAKEN THE METHADONE. THE REMAINING SOLUTION IS KEPT LOCKED IN A STEEL CABINET. BEFORE OPENING THE CLINIC EACH MORNING, THE DOCTOR AND NURSE IN-CHARGE OF THE CLINIC CHECK THE AMOUNT OF METHADONE TO ASSURE SAME AMOUNT LOCKED-UP WHEN CLINIC CLOSED IS PRESENT IN MORNING.

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